Audubon International announces Best of Environmental Golf List

By JEAN MACKAY

SELKIRK, N.Y. — What if the nation's 16,000 golf courses not only met the demands of golfers but were also maintained to prevent pollution and provide significant nature reserves? The result would be green spaces in nearly every community that contributed to local environmental quality and added to existing wildlife habitat.

Since 1991, the non-profit environmental organization Audubon International has been training golf courses to do just that. To recognize golf courses that have made a significant commitment to environmental stewardship and to inspire additional courses to do the same, Audubon International is releasing the Best of Environmental Golf List. The select list includes the nation's top-rated golf courses that have conserved local biodiversity, reduced water and pesticide use, and maintained water quality.

"There are all kinds of ratings for the top golf courses in the United States, but none of them pay attention to the environment as a rating criteria," said Ronald Dodson, president and CEO of Audubon International. "The Best of Environmental Golf List includes golf's cream of the crop in terms of environmental stewardship. These are courses that have made a commitment to environmental quality from turfgrass management to wildlife habitat conservation to water-quality improvements."

The top 200 courses on the Best of Environmental Golf List have achieved Audubon International's stringent standards for certification through the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary or Audubon Signature programs. Each course has implemented and documented its environmental efforts over a number of years and contributed to case studies, environmental education programs, and data collection on golf and the environment.

"We are proud to recognize these golf courses for their contribution to the environment" said Dodson. "Through their positive example, we hope they inspire others to do the same."

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Al’s Best of Environmental Golf List

Arkansas

Hindman Park Golf Course, Little Rock

Arizona

Forest Highlands Golf Club, Flagstaff

TPC at Scottsdale, Scottsdale

Troon Golf & Country Club, Scottsdale

California

Crystal Springs Golf Course, Burlingame

Cypress Ridge Golf Course, Arroyo Grande*

Del Paso Country Club, Sacramento

Granite Bay Golf Club, Granite Bay

Links at Spanish Bay, Pebble Beach

Morro Bay Golf Course, Morro Bay

Old Brokeyn Golf Course, Kings Beach Resort at Squaw Creek, Olympic Valley

Silver Creek Valley Country Club, Sun Jose

Stevenson (Ca.) Ranch Golf Club, Savannah Course*

Colorado

Applewood Golf Course, Golden

Aspen Golf Course, Aspen

Breckenridge Golf Club, Breckenridge

Castle Pines Golf Club, Castle Rock

Lakewood Country Club, Lakewood

Vail Golf Club, Vail

Connecticut

Aspetuck Valley Country Club, Weston

Hop Meadow Country Club, Simsbury

Simsbury Farms Golf Course, Simsbury

TPC at River Highlands, Cromwell

Woodway Country Club, Darien

Florida

Bona Vista Club, Bona Vista Springs

Bay Island Course

Creekside Course

Marsh Course

Bona Vista Club East, Naples*

Collier’s Reserve, Naples*

Country Club of Florida, Village of Gold

Ferdinand, Stuart

FoxFire Golf and Country Club, Naples

Gainesville Country Club, Gainesville

The Habitat Golf Course, Malabar

Holmes-in-the-Wall Golf Club, Naples

Indian River Country Club, Vero Beach*

Interlachen Country Club, Winter Park

Ironwood Municipal Golf Course, Gainesville

Lake Buena Vista Club, Lake Buena Vista

The Legacy Club at Algon Lakes, Longwood*

Lemon Bay Golf Club, Englewood

Lobolby Flats Golf Club, Hobie Sound

Lost Key Golf Club, Perdido*

Ole Florida Golf Club, Naples

Old Marsh Golf Club, Palm Beach Gardens

Panama Country Club, Lynn Haven

PGA Golf Club at the Reserve, Port St. Lucie*

PGA St. Lucie West Country Club, Port St. Lucie

River Hills Country Club, Valrico

Royal Palm Island Club, Naples

Sandridge Golf Club, Vero Beach

Tampa Palms Golf & Country Club, Tampa

TPC at Eagle Trace, Coral Springs

TPC at Heron Bay, Coral Springs

TPC at Prestancia, Sarasota

TPC at Sawgrass, Ponte Vedra Beach

TPC at Tampa Bay, Lutz

Wickenburg Country Club, Litchfield

Windstar Country Club, Naples

Cateechee Golf Club, Hartwell*

The Farm Golf Club, Rocky Face

The Landings Resort, Bonaire

Deer Creek Course

The Standard Club, Duluth

TPC at Sugarloaf, Sugarloaf

Hawaii

Kapalua Land Company, Maui

Bay Course

Village Course

Plantation Course

Illinois

Aurora Country Club, Aurora

Brae Loch Golf Course, Grayskate

Castigley Golf Club, Wheaton

Countrywide Golf Course, Mendenhall

The Den, Bloomington

Flossmoor Country Club, Flossmoor

Forest Hills Country Club, Rockford

The hardwood Club, Island Lake

Naperville Country Club, Naperville

North Shore Country Club, Glenview

Olympia Fields, Olympia Fields

Pottawatomie Golf Course, St. Charles

Rock River Country Club, Rock Falls

St. Charles Country Club, St. Charles

Silver Lakes Country Club, Orlando Park

Village Links of Glen Ellyn, Glen Ellyn

Sand Creek Country Club, Chesterton

Victoria National Golf Club, Newburgh

Iowa

Beaver Hills Country Club, Cedar Falls

Emcree Country Club, Cedar Rapids

Glyns Creek Golf Course, Long Grove

Kansas

Prairie Dunes Country Club, Hutchinson

Quivira Lake Golf & Country Club, Quivira Lake

Kentucky

Highland Country Club, Fort Thomas

Summit Country Club, Owensboro

Maine

Portland Country Club, Falmouth

Maryland

Bethesda Country Club, Bethesda

Eagle’s Landing Golf Course, Belair

Timbers at Troy Golf Course, Ellicott City

Massachusetts

Hyannisport Club, Hyannisport

Plymouth Country Club, Plymouth

Sterling Country Club, Sterling

Shaker Hill Golf Club, North Andover

Michigan

Bay Pointe Golf Club, West Bloomfield

Egypt Valley Country Club, Ada

Fox Hills Country Club, Plymouth

Grand Traverse Resort, West Bloomfield

Gulf Lake View Golf Club, Augusta

Lakeland Golf & Country Club, Brighton

The Legend, Belleville

TPC of Michigan, Dearborn

White Pine National Golf Club, Spruce

West Roxborough Players Club, West Olive*

Minnesota

Baker National Golf Course, Medina

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